REFERENCE TO THE DEMISE OF MR. JOHN JOSEPH.

PRESIDENT: Honourable members of the Legislature may be aware of the demise of one of our colleagues Mr. John Joseph. He was the General Secretary of the Cheramar Mahajana Sanghom, Perukada, Trivandrum, and was an earnest worker for the uplift of the backward Christians especially Cheramars, and his advice and assistance were greatly appreciated by Government. He was a man with great zeal and took very live interest in his work. We shall be doing our duty in recording our sense of the loss sustained by the House on the death of Mr. John Joseph. I am sure the House will authorise me to communicate the resolution to the members of his family.

The resolution was passed *nem con*, the whole House standing.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

PRESIDENT: I have received notices of two adjournment motions, both relating to the question of unemployment of a large number of people engaged in the manufacture of coir yarn. Messrs. Murukumpuzha Kunjukrishnan and K. Narayanaperumal Nadar are the authors of the motions.

Both these honourable members were good enough to meet me and I explained to them what is being done with regard to the plight of these unemployed persons by Government who are fully aware of the desperate nature of their strait. But there are however certain negotiations pending and certain steps are being taken with regard to the alleviation of their condition. Certain correspondence is proceeding between this Government and outside authorities which are still incomplete. I was asking the honourable members if they will consider the advice if I undertake to give them, if necessary, a further opportunity of bringing forward this question after more information has been collected on the matter.

Negotiations have proceeded a step further and I would like to know if they would be willing to postpone the consideration of this motion keeping in mind the view that the Government are perfectly aware of the difficulties indicated by the honourable members and are trying to do their best to meet the difficult situation. But if the honourable members wish to move it I shall allow the discussion. I leave the decision to the honourable members.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: In view of the assurance that this matter is being considered by the Government and every possible help will be rendered and that this House will be given another occasion to discuss the matter, if necessary, I do not move it.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: In view of the assurance by the Dewan-President, that steps will be taken for redressing the grievances of the Alleppey labourers, I beg to withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT: As the House will adjourn at 1 o' clock today, there may not be sufficient time for the prosecution of the official

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